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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR: NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK..... Your editor will be attending the Dayton HamVention. Hope to see you there. As usual, please keep sending your DX information. (You never know, I may put one together if I receive enough information before I leave.)

3A, MONACO. The "DX News Sheet reports Marc, ON5FP, and Kristof, ON6NN, will be active **July 21-24th** as **3A/ON5FP** and **3A/ON6NN**. This will be a SSB only operation. QSL via ON5FP direct or via bureau. Meanwhile, reports from Italy state that Tony, IK1QBT, and Mauro, IK1CJO, will be active from **May 31st to June 2nd**, signing **3A/homecall**. Tony will operate on all bands (WARC bands included) but CW only. Mauro will be active on RTTY only. For RTTY, check 21082, 14082 and 7037 kHz. The QSLs may go via the bureau or direct to their respective home calls:

IK1QBT, Tony Gallo, Via Capo S.Spirito 1/16, 17020 Borghetto Santo Spirito (SV), Italy

IK1CJO, Mauro Ferrua, Casella Postale 41, 17031 Albenga (SV), Italy

3D2, FIJI. Jack, VK2GJH, will be active from **Suva Rabi Island** as **3D2JH**. Activity will be from **June 27th to August 5th**. Look for activity on 80-6 meters. During his stay on Fiji, he plans to make a trip to **Tuvalu (T2)** on **July 5th** to be active as **T20JH**, from **Funafuti**. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to CBA.

3Z0, POLAND. Look for **3Z0JP** to be active between **May 20th and June 15th**. This special event station will be on the air to celebrate the visit of Pope John Paul II to Poland. Activity will be on CW/SSB with operations on 80-10 meters. Also look for 6 and 2 meters SSB activity. QSL via SP6GVU.

5R, MADAGASCAR. **5R8DA** is now reportedly active on **6 meters**. He is using an IC-706

with a five element beam. Meanwhile, YL Nonia, **5R8FJ**, has been active and was found this past week on 17 meters (around 18075). Her activity was during 0945z and 1100z.

9N, NEPAL. Another operator is headed here to be active sometime in **May**. Be on the look out for Murray, VE5SM, who plans to sign as **9N1SM**. Operations will be on 20 and 40 meters only. QSL via VE8PW direct or via the bureau.

BV, TAIWAN. Ikuo, JA3TJA, states he and Katsumi, JH3IMR, will be visiting Brouce, BV2KI, and will be active from his QTH. They plan to be active from **May 28-30th**. The two operators will be signing **BV/JH3IMR** and **BV/JA3TJA**. Their planned activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly RTTY and SSB. QTH via their home call.

BS7H'S EARLY DEPARTURE UPDATE. Excerpts from Tim's (N4GN) press release state "the Philippine government announced on 28 April (within hours of the BS7H/MM departure from Guangzhou) that three Chinese military ships had been spotted in the area around Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands. Mischief Reef is claimed by both the Philippines and China. Philippine President Fidel Ramos immediately lodged an official diplomatic protest with Beijing, and ordered increased Navy and Air Force presence in the area. Although the Spratly Islands lie some 300 miles to the south of Scarborough Reef, news of the escalating tensions in the region was immediately relayed to the BS7H crew. The expedition to Scarborough actually involved two P.R.C. Ocean Bureau vessels--one carrying the BS7H team with an Ocean Bureau crew, the other carrying only Ocean Bureau personnel. The two Ocean Bureau captains were disturbed by the news from the Spratly Islands, but everyone agreed to press on toward Scarborough. On the first day of on-the-air operations by BS7H (30 April), two Philippine military reconnaissance jets overflew the reef at low altitude. Then, late on 01 May, a Philippine Navy ship arrived at the reef, eventually followed by a second Philippine military vessel. Philippine Navy officers visited each of the three BS7H operating sites. They were reported to be very friendly--even bringing medicine to relieve the gastrointestinal ills suffered by some of the BS7H team! In discussions with the BS7H team and the captain of the lead Ocean Bureau vessel, however, the officers asserted the Philippine position that Scarborough Reef lies within the 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) claimed by the Philippines." So in short, the BS7H team left the reef due to the presence of the Philippine Navy and to "avoid a further escalation of tensions". For this reason, the two Ocean Bureau captains made the decision to leave the reef and return to Guangzhou, cutting the planned seven-day BS7H operation down to only three days. (The complete press release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.)

DAYTON HOSPITALITY SUITES FOR DXERS....

- **THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION** (along with WVNO Radio) will sponsor a Hospitality Suite at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings. All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be available. Come and meet the members and friends on NODXA.
- **THE 59(9) DX REPORT** in conjunction with **THE WESTERN NEW YORK DX ASSOCIATION** will sponsor its 11th annual Hospitality Suite at this year's Dayton Hamvention. As usual it will be in Suite 325 of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 PM till ?? All are welcome and refreshments will be available. Stop by for an eyeball with your favorite DX and contest buddies. It's

where all the Big Guns and Little Pistols will be. See you there!

FR, REUNION. Olivier was issued the callsign **FR5HG**. (Attention this callsign was used once before by F5MXQ in 1996!!). The correct QSL route for Olivier is: Olivier Dijoux, 40 route Gabriel Mace, 97490 Sainte Clotilde, France.

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS.....

- **NJDXA 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** The North Jersey DX Association, as part of its 40th Anniversary Celebration, is sponsoring a year long operating event. Beginning the week of May 5, 1997, a different member station signing the club call **W2JT/40** will operate each week. The station operator will announce their name and personal call. The same station may be worked on different modes. Work as many W2JT/40 stations as possible by December 1, 1997. The station with the most W2JT/40 calls will be awarded a plaque at the the Association's annual gathering. Send your logs to: North Jersey DX Association, P.O. Box 599, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Deadline is December 8, 1997. The North Jersey DX Association as a 100% ARRL Affiliated Club is also celebrating its 40th year as the W2 Area QSL Bureau. It sponsors several DX Contest Plaques as well as hosting a popular hospitality suite each year at the Dayton Hamvention.
- Billed as the "**WORLD'S FIRST DX**", the Marconi Centenary stations being run by Barry Amateur Radio Society and Weston-s-Mare Radio Society will be active as:

GB100LP - May 10-18th from Lavernock Point, Wales.

GB100FI - May 12-16th from Flatholm Island (QRT at 1300 on 16th).

GB100BD - On the air 0800z May 17th to 2000z (approx) May 18th from Brean Down, England.

GB100LP and GB100FI will recreate Marconi's first historical May 13, 1897, transmission across the water (world's first IOTA contact!). QSL GB100LP and GB100FI via GW0ANA. GB100LP and GB100BD will recreate the "WORLD'S FIRST DX" contact (GW to G) which took place May 18, 1897. QSL GB100BD via the RSGB bureau ONLY (G0WMW is NOT the QSL manager for GB100BD). A full color award certificate will be available for working/hearing any of the two station - endorsement available for all three! QSL cards are not needed - claim by sending a note of your QSOs (signed by two licenced radio amateurs along with 4.00 UKL or 8.00 USD or 10 IRC's) to: GW0ANA (Glyn Jones, Nirvana, Castle Precinct, Llandough, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7LX, Wales, UK).

- The WIA ACT division will operate special event station **AX1ITU** to celebrate the establishment of the **International Telecommunications Union** which will be 132 years old on May 17th. AX1ITU will be on the air **May 16th** at 1400z **until May 17th** at 1359z. Activity will be on as many bands and modes as possible (particular 40 meters CW-op VK1FF). QSLs can be sent direct to:

WB2FFY - Jim Muller, 1734 State Hwy 12, Greene, NY, 13778 USA

VK1FF - Jim Muller, 40 Garrick St, Fadden, ACT, 2904 Australia

Or via the Bureau to: VK1FF

T8, BELAU. Naoki, JE7RJZ will be active from **Parau**. He usually signs KC6JZ, but hopes to

sign **T88JZ** from **May 30th to June 1st**. Operations will be on all bands 80-10 meters, mainly on CW. He is considering activity on AO-10 satellite as well but has not decided yet. He will also make a short trip to **Guam** as **WH2M** on his return trip home. QSL via JA7FWR direct or via JARL bureau.

TF, ICELAND (YL activity). YLs Ruth, IT9ESZ, and Ruth, LA6ZH, will be active from **Reykjavik** as **TF/IT9ESZ** and **TF/LA6ZH** (respectively), from **June 13-20th**. Suggested frequencies will be: CW - 7020-7030, 14020-14030, 21020-21030 kHz and SSB - 7060-7070, 14240-14250, 21280-21290 kHz. QSL to their home addresses:

IT9ESZ - Ruth B. Geering, Via S. Nicola 9, I-90146 Palermo, Italy.

LA6ZH - Ruth Tollefsen, P.O. Box 17 Tveita, N-0617 Oslo, Norway.

InterNet E-mail is accepted before and after the operation to: jetpro@sn.no InterNet E-mail during the operation should go to: jetpro@mmedia.is Meanwhile, Bert, PA3DWD, will be active **June 26th to July 16th** as **TF/PA3DWD**. He will try to be active from different grid squares, especially on **6 meters** (50123 kHz) and **10 meters** (28885 kHz). QSL via home call.

V7, MARSHALL ISLAND. The "DX News Sheet" reports Tim, N2PC, will be active from here **for 4/5 years**. No QSNs have been reported yet, but look for **V73AT** to be active on all bands. QSL via K2CL.

YO, ROMANIA. Jean, F6AJA, will be active as **YO/F6AJA** from **May 19-24th**. He will operate (when he has free time) from YO8FZ's QTH or from the YO8KGA club station.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. Please send all DX announcements/information **"ONLY"** to the addresses below and **"NOT"** to the distribution InterNet address of: dxinfo@barf80.nshore.org

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

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